## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE.

Application No. 10/551.874 Confirmation No. : 3945

Applicant RUSSWURM, Stefan

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For

METHOD FOR RECOGNIZING ACUTE GENERALIZED

INFLAMMATORY CONDITIONS (SIRS), SEPSIS, SEPSIS-LIKE CONDITIONS AND SYSTEMIC INFECTIONS

## SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir/Madam:

## Introductory Comments

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper; and
- Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.